WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image quality assessment determination method comprising the steps of,

providing a reference/test image having a portion with a predetermined uniform optical density;

using a color measuring device normally usable to determine spectral aspects of a reference/test image to determine the spatial uniformity of the transmittance and/or reflectance of the reference/test image; and

generating image spatial uniformity data based on the determined transmittance and/or reflectance.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising utilizing the generated spatial uniformity transmittance and/or reflectance.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the utilization step comprises operating a marking engine to modify image spatial uniformity.

4 The method of claim 1 wherein the data generated comprises at least image reflectance and a corresponding position value.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein, the color measuring device is at least one of a spectrophotometer, a colorimeter, or a densitometer.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein, the substrate is a sheet comprising at least one reference/test patch having has a predetermined uniform density.

7. An image uniformity assessment and modification system kit having component parts capable of being assembled in the field, the kit comprising:

an image measurement device capable of determining transmittance and/or reflectance as a function of position;

a portable work station;

a marking system located in the field;

a substrate;

a test pattern on said substrate, the test pattern having at least one portion having a uniform optical density;

wherein said image measurement device is adapted to determine the spatial uniformity of the transmittance and/or reflectance of the image;

8. The kit of claim 7, wherein said image measurement device communicates the determined transmittance and/or reflectance to said portable work station; and

wherein said portable work station utilizes the determined spatial uniformity of the transmittance and/or reflectance.